



MAIL STOP  
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: A.D. Dupree et al. Attorney Docket No.: GGPL122090  
Application No.: 10/733,827 Art Unit: 3677 / Confirmation No.: 2173  
Filed: December 11, 2003 Examiner: R.C. Rodriguez  
Title: COUPLING DEVICE

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Seattle, Washington 98101

June 16, 2006

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) in the above-identified application.

X No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	23	-	23	=	0	x	25	=	0
Independent Claims	5	-	5	=	0	x	100	=	0
TOTAL									\$0

B. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request

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for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service in a sealed envelope as first-class mail with postage thereon fully prepaid and addressed to Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the below date.

Date: 6/16/06 Carol Julian

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed June 6, 2006, applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

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